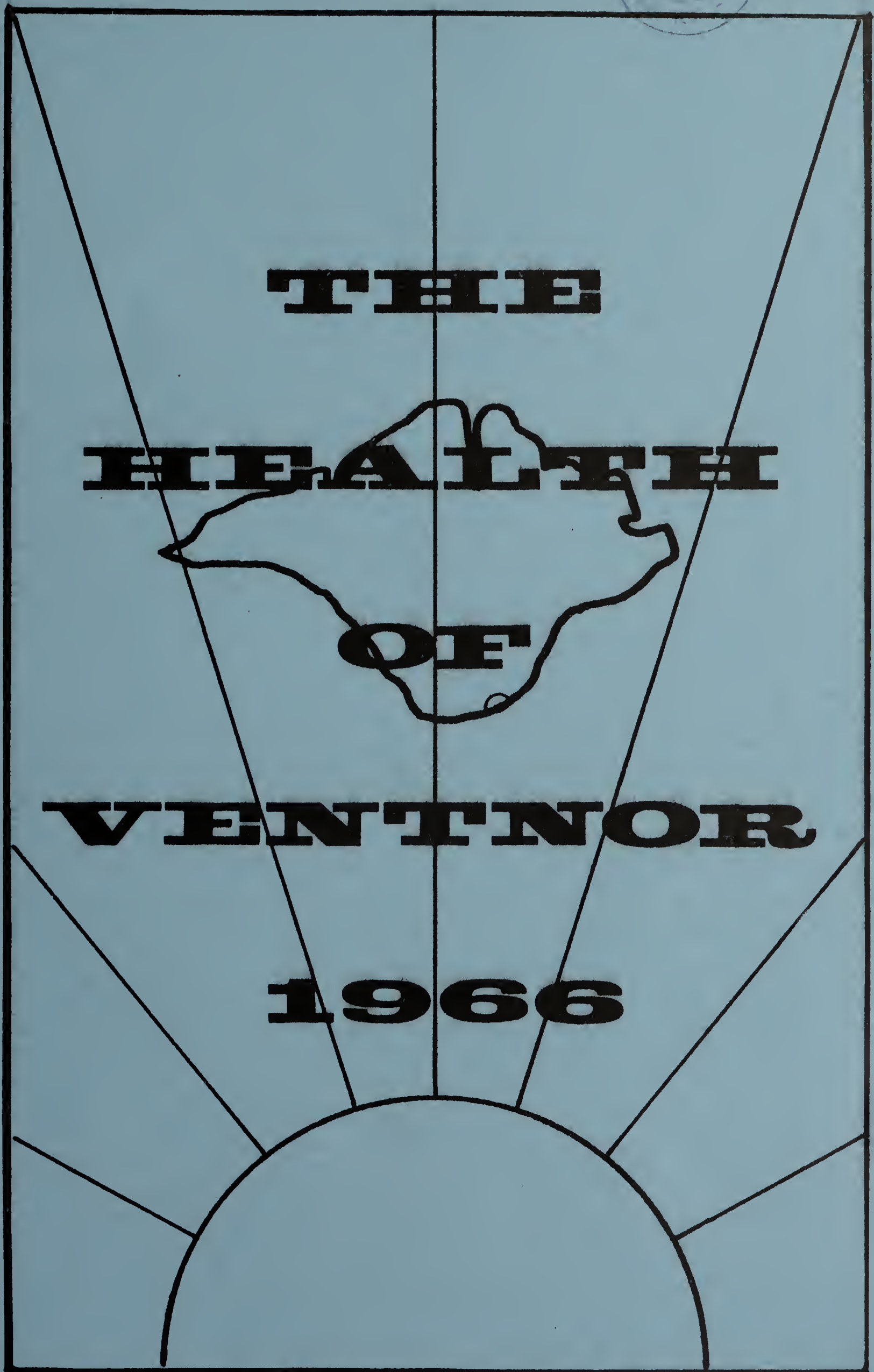
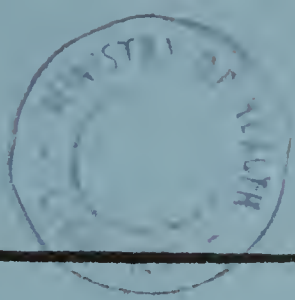


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OF

VENTNOR

1966

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VENTNOR URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health
For the Year Ended 31st December, 1966

To the Chairman and Members of the
Ventnor Urban District Council

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit my Annual Report for 1966 in accordance with the direction of the Minister of Health.

The statistics for births and deaths do not reveal any significant changes. Eight per cent of births were illegitimate but this is not a particularly high rate compared with other parts of the country and during the last ten years illegitimacy in Ventnor has been below the national average.

There were 131 deaths and nearly half were due to coronary thrombosis, stroke and similar conditions. It is well known that coronary thrombosis is becoming more frequent and although the cause is not fully understood it appears to be associated with such factors as excessive smoking, too much sugar in the diet and insufficient exercise.

Apart from two cases of pulmonary tuberculosis and one of whooping cough, no infectious diseases were officially notified.

During the first few weeks of the year there was an extensive epidemic of influenza throughout the country. Many cases occurred in the Ventnor District. Fortunately it was a mild form of influenza and complications were rare. I did feel, however, that where possible the very old and the very young should not be brought into contact with it and newspaper editors were most helpful in bringing this advice to the notice of the public.

Standards of food hygiene continued to improve but as Mr. Evans, your Public Health Inspector, points out, the attitude of casual hotel labour to cleanliness is often indifferent. In many instances, however, kitchens have been modernised and this has resulted in better supervision and improved hygiene.

The Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act has now been in force for three years and nearly 150 premises in this district have been registered. Unfortunately, the records reveal that none of these premises have been inspected during the year. Other authorities on the Island have taken on additional temporary staff for the purpose of complying with this Act and have been able to inspect a large proportion of the premises registered.

The disposal of pig swill is becoming a problem. Waste food from hotel kitchens could, until recently, be readily disposed of to pig farmers. Fewer pig farmers are, however, feeding swill to their animals and hoteliers have had difficulty in disposing of it by other means. The Surveyor has informed me that this material could be discharged into the sewer after pulverisation or it could be conveyed by ordinary refuse collection after de-watering.

My thanks are again due to the staff of the department for their continued

efficient work and loyalty.

Finally, may I respectfully express to the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee my appreciation of their support during the year.

Yours faithfully,

Douglas Quantrell

Medical Officer of Health

STATISTICS

1. GENERAL

Total hours of sunshine during 1966	1699 hours
Total rainfall during 1966	40.8 inches
Area in acres	3,562
Number of inhabited houses (at 31.3.66)	2,231
Rateable value (at 1.4.66)	£242,626
Sum represented by ld. rate (1965/66)	£955

2. VITAL

Population (Registrar General's estimate)	6240
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<u>Births</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>Total</u>
Number of live legitimate births	38	31	69
Number of live illegitimate births	2	4	6
Live birth rate per 1,000 of estimated resident population			12.0
Comparative factor (births)			1.45
Comparative birth rate			17.4
Live birth rate per 1,000 in England & Wales			17.7 (Prov.)
Number of legitimate stillbirths			Nil
Number of illegitimate stillbirths			Nil
Stillbirth rate per 1,000 live and stillbirths			Nil
Total live and stillbirths			75
Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births			8.0

Deaths

Total number of deaths	62	69	131
Crude death rate per 1,000 of estimated resident population			20.9
Comparative factor (deaths)			0.59
Comparative death rate			12.3
Death rate in England and Wales			11.7 (Prov.)
Number of deaths of legitimate infants under one year of age	2	-	2
Number of deaths of illegitimate infants under one year of age	-	-	Nil
Death rate of all infants per 1,000 live births			26.7
Death rate of legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births			28.9
Death rate of illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births			Nil
Infant mortality rate (England & Wales)			19.0 (prov.)
Neo-natal mortality rate per 1,000 live births			26.7
Early neo-natal mortality rate per 1,000 live births			26.7
Perinatal mortality rate per 1,000 total live and stillbirths			26.7
Maternal deaths (including abortion)			Nil
Maternal mortality rate per 1,000 live and stillbirths			Nil

CAUSES OF DEATH

						<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Tuberculosis, respiratory	...	...	...	...	-	(-)	- (-)
Tuberculosis, other	...	...	...	...	-	(-)	- (-)
Syphilitic disease	...	...	...	...	-	(-)	- (-)
Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	-	(-)	- (-)
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	-	(-)	- (-)
Meningococcal Infections	...	...	...	...	-	(-)	- (-)
Acute Poliomyelitis	...	...	...	...	-	(-)	- (-)
Measles	...	...	...	...	-	(-)	- (-)
Other infective and parasitic diseases	...	...	...	...	-	(-)	- (1)
Malignant neoplasm - Stomach	...	...	...	...	-	(-)	- (-)
" " - Lung and bronchus	...	...	...	...	5	(7)	1 (1)
" " - Breast	...	...	...	...	-	(-)	2 (3)
" " - Uterus	...	...	...	...	-	(-)	- (-)
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	...	...	...	...	9	(9)	8 (11)
Leukaemia, aleukaemia	...	...	...	...	-	(-)	- (-)
Diabetes	...	...	...	...	-	(1)	- (1)
Vascular lesions of nervous system	...	...	...	...	10	(8)	18 (17)
Coronary disease, angina	...	...	...	...	17	(18)	11 (12)
Hypertension with heart disease	...	...	...	...	1	(1)	- (3)
Other heart disease	...	...	...	...	-	(5)	6 (5)
Other circulatory disease	...	...	...	...	3	(5)	7 (6)
Influenza	...	...	...	...	1	(-)	- (-)
Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	5	(2)	4 (1)
Bronchitis	...	...	...	...	3	(2)	3 (7)
Other diseases of respiratory system	...	...	...	...	2	(1)	2 (1)
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	...	...	...	...	-	(-)	- (1)
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	...	...	...	...	-	(-)	- (2)
Nephritis, nephrosis	...	...	...	...	-	(-)	- (-)
Hyperplasia of prostate	...	...	...	...	1	(-)	- (-)
Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	...	...	...	...	-	(-)	- (-)
Congenital malformations	...	...	...	...	-	(-)	- (-)
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	...	...	...	...	5	(2)	5 (6)
Motor vehicle accidents	...	...	...	...	-	(-)	- (-)
All other accidents	...	...	...	...	-	(-)	- (3)
Suicide	...	...	...	...	-	(1)	2 (-)
Homicide and operations of war	...	...	...	...	-	(-)	- (-)
						<u>62 (62)</u>	<u>69 (81)</u>

Note: Figures for 1965 are entered in brackets.

Prevalence and Control of Infectious and other Diseases

Two cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis and one case of Whooping Cough were notified during the year. No other notifications were received.

Food Poisoning Outbreaks

Total number of outbreaks	Nil
Number of cases	Nil
Number of deaths	Nil

Infectious and other Diseases - From the weekly returns of
Head Teachers:

Measles	13
German measles	9
Chickenpox	62
Mumps	120
Whooping Cough	18
Tonsillitis	1
Influenza	22

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Food and Drugs (Milk and Dairies) Acts, 1944

Number of samples taken during 1966	12
Number of samples found to be positive for Tubercle Bacillus	-
Number of samples in which Brucella Abortus was isolated	-

VENTNOR URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Salisbury Gardens,

Ventnor, I.W.

To the Chairman and Members of
The Ventnor Urban District Council

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my second year's report of the work of the Public Health Inspector in the Ventnor Urban District.

By the courtesy of the Medical Officer of Health, Dr. D.W. Quantrill, this is presented as a separate report and my thanks are due to him for this privilege.

As in any holiday resort the work of the department in connection with Food Hygiene and Food Inspection in hotels and shops is greatly extended during the season, this work is rendered more difficult by the often indifferent attitude to Food Hygiene by the casual hotel labour, both English and foreign.

All the holiday flatlets advertised in the Ventnor Holiday Guide were visited before the season opened and no complaints were received concerning them.

In conclusion I wish to record my appreciation of the work carried out by Mrs. Morris, Clerk in the office, and to Mr. R. Norman for his unfailing devotion to his duties as Rodent Operative.

I am also grateful for the support afforded to me by the Members of the Public Health and Housing Committee and acknowledge with thanks the co-operation and help afforded to me by the other officers of the Council.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

ERIC H. EVANS,

Public Health Inspector.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

Summary of Inspections and Visits

Houses inspected on complaint	256
Nuisances observed	224
Revisits of all kinds	476
Visits to holiday flats	116
Visits to caravans	273
Visits re Housing Accommodation	112
Visits re Water supplies	120
Visits re Offices, Shops & Railway Premises	114
Visits re drainage work	166
Letters, verbal notices, interviews	144
Roofs repaired	9
Drains relaid or repaired	75

Statutory Notices

		<u>Served</u>	<u>Complied with by owner</u>
Public Health Acts	Section 39	3	1
	Section 93	2	2
	Section 24	6	6

Informal Notices

	<u>Served</u>	<u>Complied with</u>
Public Health Acts	32	32
Offices, Shops & Railway Premises Acts	22	20
Food & Drugs Acts	127	124

WATER SUPPLIES

(a) Public Supply

The Urban District is supplied with drinking water by the Isle of Wight River and Water Board.

The water is chlorinated and treated and is not liable to plumbo-solvent action. The sampling of the Public Water supplies at source and during treatment is the responsibility of the Board and copies of the Public Health Laboratory reports are supplied to the County Medical Officer and the Public Health Inspector.

The total number of samples notified to the Public Health Inspector were as follows :-

<u>Total taken</u>	<u>Satisfactory</u>	<u>Unsatisfactory</u>
136	116	20

(b) Private Supplies

Nine properties have private water supplies, these have been regularly checked and samples sent to the Bacteriological Laboratories, Portsmouth with the following results :-

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<u>Total taken</u>	<u>Satisfactory</u>	<u>Unsatisfactory</u>
29	16	13

Private Swimming Pools

There are three private swimming pools in the district which have been regularly supervised and sampled with the following results :-

<u>Total taken</u>	<u>Satisfactory</u>	<u>Unsatisfactory</u>
35	32	3

It is anticipated that a further two swimming pools will be operative during the 1967 season.

Childrens' Paddling Pool, Esplanade

This again proved a constant source of enjoyment both from the childrens' point of view in the water and that of their parents on the edge.

The pool is chlorinated twice daily and during hot bright weather this is increased to three times daily. Samples taken showed the following results :-

<u>Total taken</u>	<u>Satisfactory</u>	<u>Unsatisfactory</u>
6	4	2

In addition to sampling the pool is checked by means of a chloroscope.

HOUSING STATISTICS

No. of houses found unfit & represented under Section 16, Housing Act, 1957	10
No. of demolition orders made	2
No. of undertakings to carry out works accepted	6
No. of houses demolished	Nil
No. of houses made fit as a result of undertakings given by owner	Nil
No. of premises made fit as a result of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers	9

COUNCIL HOUSING

The Council own 230 houses and flats.

CARAVAN SITES

There are two holiday caravan sites within the Urban District the maximum number on both sites being 35.

These are regularly visited and details of these visits are given in the statistical section of this report.

FOOD PREMISES

<u>Category</u>	<u>Total No. of Premises</u>	<u>Fitted to comply with Reg.16</u>	<u>Regulation 19 applicable</u>	<u>Fitted to comply with Reg.19</u>
Bakehouses	4	4	4	4
Fishmongers	3	3	3	3
Butchers	5	5	5	5
Dairies	2	2	-	-
Greengrocers	6	6	-	-
Grocers	31	31	31	31
Cafes, etc.	42	42	42	42
Licensed Premises)	23	23	23	23
Full Licence)				
Fried Fish Shops	2	2	2	2
Hotels Licensed	34	34	34	34
Private Hotels	29	29	29	29
Guest Houses	60	60Y	60	Y

Y Only a limited number have been inspected.

Section 16, Food Hygiene (General Regulations) 1960 relates to provision of personal washing facilities and Regulation 19 deals with facilities for washing food and equipment.

Regulation 19 does not apply where no open food is handled.

Food Premises registered under Section 16, Food & Drugs Act, 1955

Registered for Ice Cream

Grocers	17
Confectioners	10
Kiosks	8
Fishmongers	1
Cafes	26

Three premises are registered for the manufacture of loose ice cream but only two this year have exercised this right.

Registered for the preparation of sausages

Butchers	3
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Registered for the preservation of food (by cooking)

Grocers	2
Fried Fish	3
Fishmongers	1

Premises registered under the Milk & Dairies Regulations, 1959

Dairies	2
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UNSOUND FOOD

Unsound Food surrendered for destruction included :-

35 lbs.13 ozs. Bacon	6 lbs. Tinned Ox ^{TONGUE} Rouge
30 lbs. Skinned Rabbits	10 lbs. Lambs Livers
46 lbs. Beef	3 lbs.10ozs. Tinned Pears
9 lbs. Pork	3 lbs. Tinned Strawberries
43 lbs. Plums	5 lbs. Tinned Pineapple
26 lbs. Aubergines	4 lbs. Tinned Pork Luncheon Meat
3 Doz. Pkts. Dates	69 lbs. 15 ozs. Tinned Cooked Ham
7 oz. Tinned Prawns	7 ozs. Tinned Corned Beef

Work carried out under the Food and Drugs Act, 1955 and the
Food Hygiene Regulations, 1960

No. of food inspections	132
Inspection of Food Premises	275
No. of contraventions found	127
No. of notices (verbal & written)	127

Food Hygiene Regulations, 1960

Walls and ceilings repaired and cleansed	59
No. of W.C's. repaired or cleansed	29
New sinks	22
Yards repaved	25
New dustbins	16

During the year several hotels and cafes have discontinued the use of metal dustbins and are now using the paper sack system.

FOOD & DRUGS ACT, 1955

Food Sampling

The Isle of Wight County Council, as the Food & Drugs Authority, is responsible for sampling, and I am indebted to the Chief Inspector of Weights & Measures for the following information regarding samples taken during the year.

<u>Article Sampled</u>	<u>No. Taken</u>	<u>No. Unsatisfactory</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Milk T.T. (Raw)	5	Nil	Fat Solids-not-fat Methylene Blue
Milk Pasteurised	Nil		
Cereal Products	2	Nil	
Ice Cream	3	Nil	
Sauces	2	Nil	
Preserves	1	Nil	
Medicines/Drugs	4	Nil	
Edible Fats	1	1	Incorrectly labelled as to two ingredients

OFFICES, SHOPS & RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

Statistics have been supplied to the Ministry of Labour for the year ending December, 31st 1966 in accordance with the Offices, Shops & Railway Premises Act, 1963.

The details in the Prescribed Form (O.S.R.14) are as follows :-

TABLE A

<u>Class of Premises</u>	<u>Number of Premises registered during year</u>	<u>Total Number registered at end of year</u>	<u>Number of General Inspections</u>
Offices	1	18	-
Retail Shops	1	60	-
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses	1	7	-
Catering Establishments open to the Public	1	47	-
Canteens	-	-	-
Fuel Storage Depots	-	3	-

TABLE B

Number of visits of all kinds to registered premises	114
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TABLE C

Analysis of persons employed in registered premises

<u>Class of Workplace</u>	<u>No. of persons employed</u>
Offices	82
Retail Shops	214
Wholesale Departments, Warehouses	29
Catering Establishments open to the Public	350
Canteens	50
Fuel Storage Depots	7
TOTAL	732

TOTAL MALES 220

TOTAL FEMALES 512

The following Regulations are in force at the present time, all of which are designed to improve standards for staff employed in the premises affected :-

Prescribed Dangerous Machines Order	1964
Information for Employees Regulations	1965
First Aid Order	1964
Washing Facilities Regulations	1964

RODENT CONTROL

Two hundred and eight two premises were treated during the year, the Rodent Operative making 3,243 visits including routine inspections.

The annual testing and treatment of the Council's sewers was carried out again with negative results.

As a result the Ministry of Agriculture have granted this Council exemption from sewer testing until 1970, subject to no further infestation being found in the meantime, in which case vertical block control would be carried out.

Contract Scheme

The Contract Scheme relating to business premises is proving satisfactory in every respect and at the end of the year 63 business premises were under contract.

Infestations

Complaints of insect pests were :-

Cockroaches	8
Woodlice	2
Fleas	3
Ants	7
Flies	2
Wasps nests	25

Treatment and eradication of pests are carried out by modern insecticides and methods. A charge of 5/- is levied in respect of destruction of wasps nests.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

The refuse collection and disposal service is under the control of the Surveyor and a weekly collection of domestic refuse is maintained, during the season a twice weekly collection of trade refuse is made from hotels and boarding houses.

Disposal is by means of controlled tipping on the outskirts of Wroxall.

The tip has received regular checks by the Rodent Operative and treatment has been given when found necessary. No complaints of flies from the tip were received.

SEWERAGE

In a hilly district such as the Urban District it is an impracticable proposition to provide a central sewage disposal plant. Sewerage arrangements are as follows :-

Bonchurch at the Eastern end is served by (a) cesspools and (b) modern septic tank systems. One large holiday establishment has a private sewer outfall discharging below low water mark.

St. Lawrence in the west is partly served by modern septic tank systems and partly by discharge into a small sewage works.

The Central area sewage is discharged untreated through outfalls to below low water mark.

The outlying village of Wroxall is sewered to a disposal plant, the effluent after treatment being discharged into an adjoining ditch.

The Council operate a cesspool emptying service which has functioned very well during the year.

FACTORIES ACT

1. Inspection for purpose of provisions as to health :-

Premises	Number on Register	Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be en- forced by Local Authorities	1	1	-	-
Factories not included above in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authorities	22	14	-	-
Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authorities (ex- cluding out-workers' premises)	-	-	-	-
	23	15	Nil	Nil

2. Cases in which defects were found :-

No defects - NIL return.

OUTWORK

3.

Nature of Work	No. of outworkers in August required by Section 110 (1)(c) (2)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to this Council (3)	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists (4)	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises (5)	Notices Served (6)
Stuffed Toys	9	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Cosmetics	2	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
